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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, PORG, PLO, SG

SUBJECT: ISLAMIC CONFERENCE/PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION IN SENEGAL

REF: (A) STATE 91578, (B) DAKAR 2759 (NOTAL)

(A) PLO IS REPRESENTED IN SENEGAL.

(B). FOR PAST FOUR-FIVE YEARS, PLO HAS MAINTAINED ITS OWN "BUREAU" IN DOWNTOWN DAKAR, WHICH FUNCTIONS AS QUASI-DIPLOMATIC MISSION. PLO REPRESENTATIVE IN DAKAR IS ABDOU KHALIL. OFFICE IS ALSO STAFFED BY DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE, LEBANESE STAFF MEMBER AND SECRETARY. PRESIDENT SENGHOR OFTEN DRAWS PUBLIC ATTENTION TO FACT THAT PLO'S DAKAR OFFICE WAS IT FIRST PRESENCE IN BLACK AFRICA.

(C) COMPONENT PLO ELEMENTS HAVE NO INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION.

(D) PLO ENJOYS DISTINCTIVE STATUS SLIGHTLY ABOVE THAT OF OTHER LIBERATION ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED IN DAKAR (SWAPO, ANC, UNITA, REVOLUTIONARY PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT  
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OF WEST PAPUA NEW GUINEA) BUT JUST SHORT OF THAT ACCORDED FULL-FLEDGED DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. PLO IS ASSIGNED LICENSE PLATES WITH LETTERS ("OP"), AS WITH OTHER LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, BUT DISTINCT FROM NUMBER PLATES ASSIGNED TO DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. ON OTHER HAND, SENEGALESE GOVERNMENT PROVIDES PLO HOUSING, GRANTS DUTY-FREE IMPORT PRIVILEGES, AND ISSUES DIPLOMATIC VISAS TO PLO REPRESENTATIVES, WHO ARE FREQUENT DAKAR VISITORS. AMONG THEM IS DR. ISAL SARTAWI WHO, AS REF B INDICATES, CARRIES HIS OWN SENEGALESE DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT. PLO LEADER YASSIR ARAFAT PAID "OFFICIAL VISIT" TO SENEGAL JUNE 6-8, 1977 (77 DAKAR 4031) IN MANNER USUALLY RESERVED FOR HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AND, AT UPCOMING ISLAMIC CONFERENCE IN DAKAR, IT IS REPORTED THAT "PALESTINE" IN FORM OF PLO WILL BE REPRESENTED AS A STATE INSTEAD OF SIMPLY A LIBERATION MOVEMENT.

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